OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: HB 743 AND SB 2397 – DUPLICATE BILLS

DATE: 3/12/2003

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HB 743 and SB 2397

HB 743 and SB 2397 and identical/duplicate bills. We need to sign HB 743 and veto SB 2397. They are both effective July 1, 2003.

HB 743 simply authorizes MDE to utilize staff to perform services and to procure services for vocational student organizations using available vocational funds.

MDE wants this bill. The State Auditor has told MDE that his office doesn't have authority to audit these student organizations and has also told MDE that the department doesn't have the authority to hire a private CPA or audit firm to audit the organizations. MDE and the student organizations want the audits so MDE had this legislation introduced.

Sign HB 743. Veto SB 2397 due to it being identical to HB 743.